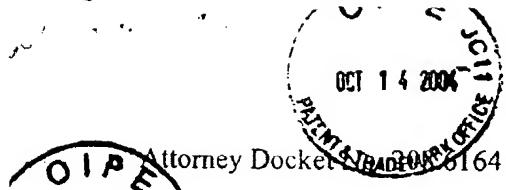


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action ("Action") dated August 20, 2004 and is filed before expiration of the three month shortened statutory period. Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Action pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

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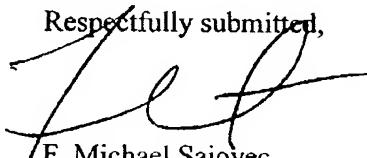
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CONCLUSION

The concerns of the Examiner addressed in full, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance forthwith. No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220. The Examiner is encouraged to direct any questions regarding the foregoing to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



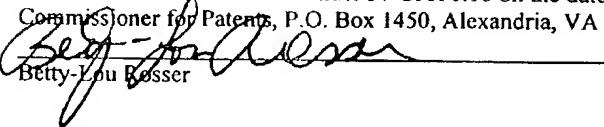
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